

the structure, material or acts described in the specification as correspondence to each claimed function.

The Notification also notes that the Brief incorrectly refers to claim 1-31 of U.S. Patent No. 5,984,190 when, in fact, there were only 22 claims in the '190 patent.

REMARKS

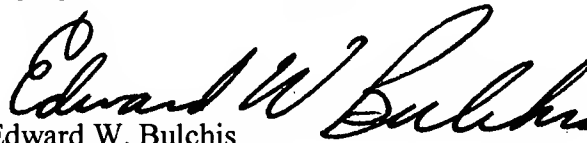
The independent claims pending in the application and subject to appeal are claims 1, 6, 14, 19, 23, 28, and 32.

Applicants are submitting a new brief that contains a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings by reference character. None of the claims involved in this appeal recite a means plus function or a step plus function under 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph.

The Examiner is correct that there are only 22 claims in the '190 patent. Claims 23-34 were added by Preliminary Amendment in this reissue application and are presently also pending in this appeal. The new brief now correctly refers to only claims 1-22 as being in the '190 patent.

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